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1. Coal exported to the USSR during 1953 by sea amounted to 1,300,000 tons, most of it being very low grade since coal sent to the USSR is not well sorted. The coal sent by sea represents only a small proportion of the total amount of coal exported to the Soviet Union, which amounts to between 9,000,000 and 10,000,000 tons per year.

2. All coal exported to the USSR is accounted for in U.S. dollars at a slightly higher rate than that paid by Western customers. On 27 May 1954, the differences in prices were as follows:

Coal exported to Western countries

\$14.10 per ton first-grade coal  
\$13.36 per ton second-grade coal  
\$ 9.20 per ton slack.

Coal exported to the USSR

\$14.90 per ton first-grade coal  
\$14.10 per ton second-grade coal  
\$ 9.80 per ton slack.

3. Settlement of the Soviet account is arranged by the Polish National Bank with the Soviet National Bank, twice a year, but no details are available concerning the methods of payment.

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